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RE: Settlement of U.S. v. Microsoft

Dear Ms. Heese:

I am writing in support of this proposed settlement.

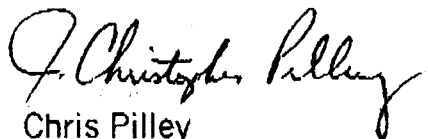
I deeply appreciate the efforts of our government in pursuing antitrust activities and believe that this settlement is a positive development in this pursuit.

As the former director of a state agency I know that the government and Microsoft lawyers have fought diligently in this important case. I would like to see the case resolved so that private industry can return to competing in the marketplace.

The technology sector of our economy is looking for a signal to get moving again. The settlement of this case can provide the right signal that competition is alive and well through innovation and hard work and not continued litigation.

Please know that I appreciate your consideration of my views on this important matter.

Sincerely,



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